

Emergency Commission on Sixth District Congressional Gerrymandering
Conference Call
March 27, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 11:08 a.m.

- Co-Chair Walter Olson welcomed the commissioners to the call. He reminded the commissioners that the purpose of the call was to review public comment submissions that have come in since their prior meeting and to proceed to a vote on the proposed map.
- Co-Chair Olson wanted to address the Montgomery County Board of Elections (MCBOE) submitted public comment in which they proposed technical changes for six areas of concern.
- Co-Chair Olson represented the commission in a discussion with Planning staff and MCBOE representatives to address the six areas in question. During the discussion, MCBOE conceded on two of the areas and Co-Chair Olson and Planning staff worked with MCBOE to address the other four. Two were easily addressed and two were believed to be solvable with technical changes to the legislation. These technical amendments can be added after the bill is introduced.
- Co-Chair Judge Alex Williams noted that he appreciated the compromise and is satisfied with it.
- Commissioner Ashley Oleson wanted to make a note of the suggestion of closer coordination with state legislative lines. Co-Chair Olson noted the executive order does not list that as a consideration. Commissioner Luis Gutierrez noted that suggestion may be more appropriate for a non-emergency commission. Commissioner Chris Howard suggested the suggestion be put in the report for future suggestions.
- Co-Chair Olson then opened the floor for commissioner comments and then asked to proceed to a vote.
- The commission voted unanimously to adopt the proposed map.
- The commission then suggested ways to compile their report to be sent to the Governor. They then confirmed they would hold another conference call to finalize their report on April 1st.
- The call was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.